ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT: Order, Order. I have received notice of certain motions for the adjournment of the business of the House. One is by Mr. P. Kunjukrishnan for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance, namely,

"The impending danger to our rice supplies from Burma and Siam being cut off as a consequence of threat of War in the East, and the consequent suffering and starvation that may visit the people of the land".

Does Mr. Kunjukrishnan want to press it?

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): I do not press it.

PRESIDENT: The next motion is by Mr. T. C. Kesava Pillai, regarding the abnormal increase in prices. His motion reads thus.—

"I beg to move for an adjournment of this House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz, the situation created among the people of Travancore regarding the abnormal increase of price of articles especially of paper".

Does Mr. Kesava Pillai press it?

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: I do not press it, Sir.

PRESIDENT: The last is from Mr. Kumaran Vaidyan for the grant of a substantial remission to the ryots of Parur and Kunnatnad which were affected by the recent cyclone havoc. It runs thus:

"I beg leave to move that the business of the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance, viz, the immediate necessity of granting substantial remission of land revenue to the ryots of the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad who were seriously affected by the recent cyclone havoc."

Of course, it is sufficiently urgent from that point of view. Speaking about demand of land revenue as regards Kunnatnad, the figures are — arrears Rs. 11,101 and current Rs. 3390. The figures regarding collection are—arrears Rs. 2,000 and current Rs. 2,000. Thus Rs. 4000 has been collected out of Rs. 14,000. For Parur the figures show that Rs. 11,000 has been collected out of Rs. 32,000. The balance to be collected is 70 per cent and 62 per cent of the total demand in Kunnatunad and Parur respectively. I wish to know whether the honourable member wants to press the motion.

MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: I do not press.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Sir, I desire to speak a word. There has been a reference to the speech made by me at the Shertalai Labour Conference. Not only that the speech as reported by the Madras Mail dated 27th November does not give out the ideas as expressed by me correctly but has produced just the opposite of what I have stated. As one interested in the labour movement and the labourers I always felt and still feel that one should not lose the privilege of taking part in politics because he happened to be a labourer. The labourer, apart from being a labourer, is also a citizen. As such he has a right to indulge in the political and economical enterprises of his fellow countrymen and his country. This fact that the economical, political and social problems are interlinked beyond separation is often

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forgotten by those who advocate that labourer should have nothing to do on the political field. But I was very definite and could never ignore that the trade union movement as a whole should not go into any political movement, because the moment the trade union movement goes into any political party as a whole, the aim of the movement becomes the aim of the political party. It is very clear that the aim of any political party is very different from the aim of any labour union of the labour movement. As far as I could see and understand labour unions in Travancore and the interest of labour here, their major questions are of securing better wages and better conditions of work. That is and will be the most important aim of the labour movement. As one who has gone into that movement with the highest sense of responsibility, I could never say that the labour movement as a whole should go into any political party, for no political party or movement stands for the realisation of those aims. The very same opinion was clearly explained by me when I opened two labour conferences, one at Alleppey and the other at Muhamma on recent former occasions. A reference to those two speeches will clearly indicate that I always had these views and tried to propagate these.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I have already stated that the Chair unreservedly accepts what Mr. Janardanan Nair has stated on the matter. Therefore, the honourable member need not labour the point unless he wants to make some other point.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Yes Sir, I will point out where exactly the reporter has gone miserably wrong. The reporter has ignored the difference between labour and labourer in making the report. He forgets that when he speaks about labour he refers to the labour movement as a whole. I was speaking entirely of the labourer, the individual labourer, as apart from labour--the labour movement. That is the vital difference that made the report incorrigibly incorrect. Then Sir, there was a reference to the importation of communism. Sir, I have already proved by actions and speeches that I am an ardent believer in the principles of trade unionism. The principles of communism are far different from those of trade unionism. We in the Trade union movement always believe in the principles of co-operation in materialistic lines. We are for the settlement of trade disputes by negotiation as far as possible failing which only strikes take place. A revolutionary on the other hand stands for the accumulation of grievances which will ultimately burst out into a revolution. Can these two principles and methods be called the same? Sir, any body with a vestige of responsibility and stake in the country will be the last to preach communism. My honourable colleagues themselves can now judge what position I would assume and would have accepted.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The honourable member is at perfect liberty to make any explanation arising from anything that happened here. But I may suggest to the honourable member that he might make clear any elaboration of his position by sending a statement to the paper which had published his original statement.

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MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: A word regarding the resolution at Shertalai. I was invited to preside over the Shertalai meeting. Being the President of the Session, I admit I had some responsibility for the resolutions passed. But that responsibility was only an indirect one. The real question to be considered is whether I spoke on any resolution. I can positively say 'No'. All my responsibilty was to be there to put the resolutions to vote in a neutral attitude. That was what I did too. I do not doubt for a moment that my honourable colleagues here, sensible as they are, would advise me to walk out of the meeting. I did not consider it necessary to walk out of the meeting either.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: May I know.....

PRESIDENT: A member is entitled to make a personal explanation arising from remarks whether those remarks fall from the Chair or from any one else. In so far as he confines himself to a personal explanation, he cannot be interrogated and no questions can be put to him.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: I have nothing more to say.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

PRESIDENT: I have to announce that I have nominated Mr. J. W. Tolson and Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai to the panel of Chairmen for this session of the Assembly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

The Secretary reported that he had received the following message from the Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council:

> "Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council at its meeting held on the 15th August 1941 agreed without any amendment to the following Bills which were passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 4th August 1941:—
> The Travancore Motor Vehicles Bill, The Travancore Penal Code Amendment Bill, The Travancore Insurance Act Amendment Bill, The Travancore Evidence Bill and The Criminal Procedure Code Bill."

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

The Secretary announced that the following bills had received the Assent of His Highness the Maharaja:—

The Travancore Motor Vehicles Bill, The Travancore Penal Code Bill, The Travancore Insurance Act Amendment Bill, The Travancore Evidence Bill, The Travancore Criminal Procedure Code Bill, The Hindu Gains of Learning Bill and The Kshatriya Act Amendment Bill.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AIYAR: Sir,

Under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure (relating to the budget for 1116) authorised by the Government under Section 32 of Act II of 1108.

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